

Maidenhead  
21 Dec 1871

My dear Mr Smith

As soon as I can  
I will read the part-tran-  
script just received and  
give you my opinion re-  
garding it; but I am at  
present suffering acutely  
from the ear-ache.

It is not of a period  
of our drama that I care  
about much, and possibly  
know less. Cannot you let  
me see the whole? I can  
write no more now.

Yours most sincerely  
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